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In re Application of Shoji Tomita Serial No. 07/655,514

Filed: March 6, 1990/ For: A DEVELOPING SLEEVE FOR A

MAGNETIC BRUSH DEVELOPING UNIT:

This is a response to the letter filed on February 12, 1991, requesting that an application by Shoji Tomita entitled "A Developing Sleeve For A Magnetic Brush Developing Unit" be assigned a serial number and accorded a filing date of March 6, 1990.

The letter is accompanied by a postcard receipt acknowledging receipt of a new application, including 19 pages of specification, 2 sheets of drawings and a declaration, on March 6, 1990. Also, applicant has submitted a duplicate copy of the application filed on March 6, 1990.

The original papers cannot be located in the PTO. However, the evidence submitted is convincing that the original papers, including the signed declaration, were filed on March 6, 1990, and subsequently misplaced in the PTO. The duplicate papers filed on February 12, 1991, have been assigned the above-identified application serial number and will be accorded the requested filing date.

The request is granted.

The application is being forwarded to the Office of Finance for charging the \$370.00 filing fee to counsel's deposit account No.. 01-2395.

Thereafter, the application will be forwarded to Application Branch for further processing with a filing date of March 6, 1990, using the duplicate papers filed on February 12, 1991.

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